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TOURIST GUIDES
VIRENDRA KUMAR

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to improve the lot of authorised tourist guides; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Authorised tourist guides are expected to give detailed, complete and uptodate information to tourists. Therefore, updating information and upgrading of knowledge and skills is a continuous process for tourist guides.

(b) Refresher courses and foreign language training programmes for tourist guides are held from time to time through the Government of India Tourist Offices in India in coordination with the travel trade, and State Govt. Tourism Departments.